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Attorney General John Ashcroft
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950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

I believe in free enterprise. Economics has taught us that markets work efficiently when they are open. Therefore, I disagree with government involvement in business. The Justice Department's persecution of Microsoft is unmerited.

Nonetheless, I am pleased that the issue is finally resolved. Microsoft has agreed to many terms under the settlement in the interests of getting back to business. Microsoft has agreed to the formation of a technical review board. This board will review Microsoft's actions and determine if there are any violations of the settlement. This board will also ensure that the terms of the settlement are carried out. Microsoft has also agreed to changes in its licensing methods and design of Windows, as well as refraining from what might be characterized as hostile action toward other companies, so the settlement is clearly comprehensive.

This settlement should be enacted at the end of January. It is in the best interest of our economy.

Sincerely,



Randy Bennett